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Appl. No. 10/063,845
Amdt. Dated February 9, 2004
Reply to Office action of 19 November, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed in light of Office Action dated November 19, 2003. Claims 1-4, 7-9, and 11-14 remain pending. Claims 1-4 and 7 have been allowed. Claim 15 has been added.

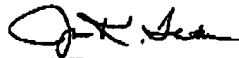
Claims 8, 9, and 11-14 were rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraph. Claim 8 has been amended to comply with the requirements of 35 USC 112 second paragraph. Support for the amendment can be found on page 10, lines 5-15. Claims 11 and 12 have amended and claim 16 has been added to provide clarity on the elements recited. Support for the amendment can be found on page 10, lines 10-11. Claim 14 has been amended to correct the lack of antecedent basis.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 8-9, and 11-14 are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 8-9, and 11-14 is respectfully requested and allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited.

In view of the foregoing amendment and for the reasons set out above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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